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Appn. Title: PROCESS FOR MAKING A VERSATILE CLAMPING DEVICE DESIGNED TO HOLD OBJECTS WITHOUT DAMAGING THEM, SUCH A

DEVICE AND ITS USE.

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 2000, September 11, please amend as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please substitute new drawing sheets 1 and 4 for the corresponding sheets on file and enter new drawing sheets 5 and 6, which are submitted to comply with the requirement number 5 in last Office Action.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please enter the substitute specification and the corresponding marked-up substitute specification, which are submitted to comply with the requirement number 6 in last Office Action.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claims 1-2 and 16 in amended form:

-1. (Ten Times Amended) A method of making a device for holding an object by clamping the object while preventing damage thereto, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a cylindrical support part [which is cylindrical all along];

providing two arms, each arm including a transverse hole and at least one of these arms carrying an elastic buffer secured thereto, said buffer having a contact face for contacting said object and having under its contact face a thickness large enough so

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